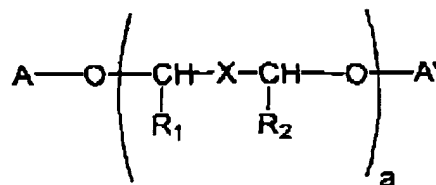


PENDING CLAIMS

5. (Previously Added) A water-in-oil (W/O) emulsion having a viscosity of at most 5000 mPa·s, said W/O emulsion comprising:

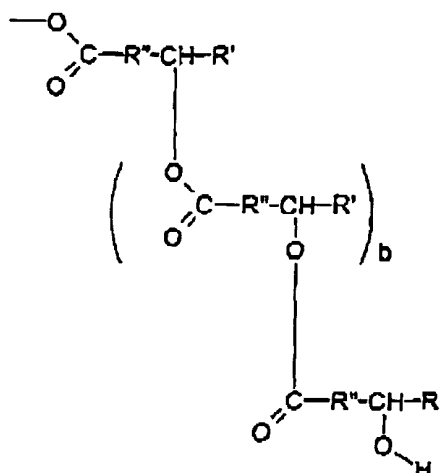
- a) an aqueous phase comprising a content of water and water-soluble substances totaling at least 75% by weight, based on a total weight of the emulsion;
- b) an oil phase comprising a content of lipids, emulsifiers and lipophilic constituents totaling at least 15% by weight, based on a total weight of the emulsion, wherein the oil phase comprises at least 75% by weight, based on the weight of the oil phase, of one or more substances selected from the group consisting of:
 - i) non-polar lipids which are liquid at room temperature and have a polarity of greater than 30 mN/m; and
 - ii) silicones of any polarity;
- c) at least one interface-active substance selected from the group consisting of substances of the formula (I):



where A and A' are identical or different organic radicals selected from the group

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consisting of branched and unbranched, saturated and unsaturated alkyl and acyl radicals and hydroxyacyl radicals having 10-30 carbon atoms, and also from the group consisting of hydroxyacyl groups connected to one another via ester functions in accordance with the following scheme:

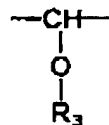


where R' is selected from the group consisting of branched and unbranched alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms and R* is selected from the group consisting of branched and unbranched alkylene groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and b is a number from 0 to 200;

a is a number from 1 to 100;

X is a single bond or the group:

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R_1 and R_2 independently represent H or methyl; and

R_3 is selected from the group consisting of H and branched and unbranched, saturated and unsaturated alkyl and acyl radicals having 1 to 20 carbon atoms.

6. (Previously Added) The W/O emulsion according to claim 5, wherein a is a number from 2 to 60.

7. (Previously Added) The W/O emulsion according to claim 6, wherein a is a number from 5 to 40.

8. (Previously Added) The W/O emulsion according to claim 5, wherein the content of water and water soluble substances is greater than 80% by weight, based on the total weight of the emulsion.

9. (Previously Added) The W/O emulsion according to claim 8, wherein the content of water and water soluble substances is greater than 85% by weight, based on the total weight of the

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emulsion.

10. (Previously Added) The W/O emulsion according to claim 5, wherein the interface-active substance is polyethylene glycol-30-dipolyhydroxystearate.

11. (Previously Added) The W/O emulsion according to claim 5, wherein the oil phase comprises at least 50% by weight, based on the total weight of the oil phase, of at least one substance selected from the group consisting of Vaseline (petrolatum), paraffin oil and polyolefins.

12. (Previously Added) The W/O emulsion according to claim 11, wherein the oil phase comprises more than 75% by weight, based on the total weight of the oil phase, of at least one substance selected from the group consisting of Vaseline (petrolatum), paraffin oil and polyolefins.

13. (Previously Added) The W/O emulsion according to claim 11, wherein the oil phase comprises one or more polydecenes.

14. (Previously Added) A method of caring for skin or hair comprising topically applying thereto an effective amount therefor of the W/O emulsion according to any one of claims 5-13.